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Legislation for purchase of typewriters
during Fiscal Year 1950.

1. In connection with the legislation for the purchase of typewriters during Fiscal Year 1950, the following is the text as passed by the House of Representatives:

"During the current fiscal year, no part of any money appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used during any quarter of such fiscal year to purchase typewriting machines (except bookkeeping and billing machines) at a price which exceeds 90 per centum of the lowest net cash price, plus applicable Federal excise taxes, accorded the most-favored customer (other than the Government, the American National Red Cross, and the purchasers of typewriting machines for educational purposes only) of the manufacturer of such machines during the six-month period immediately preceding such quarter.

"No part of any money appropriated by this or any other Act for any agency of the executive branch of the Government (which shall include all departments, independent establishments, and wholly owned Government corporations) shall be used during the current fiscal year for the purchase within the continental limits of the United States of any typewriting machines (except typewriting machines for veterans under public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration) unless the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply certifies that he is unable to furnish such agency with suitable typewriting machines out of stock on hand. The Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized and directed at such times as he may determine to be necessary to survey and determine the numbers and kinds of typewriting machines located in the continental limits of the United States which are at any time surplus to the requirements of any agency in the executive branch of the Government (which shall include all departments, independent establishments, and wholly owned Government corporations). Upon such determination, the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized to direct, upon such notice and in such manner as he may prescribe, the head of any such agency to surrender to the Bureau of Federal Supply any and all typewriting machines surplus to its requirements, the costs of packing, shipping, and handling thereof to

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be charged to the general supply fund. Each such agency shall furnish the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply such information regarding typewriting machines, wherever located, as he may from time to time request. The Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized and directed to receive, hold, sell, exchange, or supply to any branch of the Government, including the District of Columbia, typewriting machines surrendered to it hereunder. The Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized to charge each agency to which typewriting machines are supplied hereunder amounts equal to the fair value thereof, as determined by him, and such amounts shall be credited to the general supply fund."

2. No action on this bill has as yet taken place in the Senate. As soon as it has been finally enacted into law, we will furnish you with the appropriate text.

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